



FY2011 (7/1/10 – 6/30/11) Annual Work Plan Whitman Conservation District

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Mission of the Whitman Conservation District

The Mission of the Whitman Conservation District is to promote the wise, ethical and sustainable use of Natural Resources by leadership in the education and assistance of all people in the District. The Whitman Conservation District will promote the implementation of the best available conservation measures and provide a forum for local input on Natural Resource issues.

Natural Resource Priorities:

- Water Quality Issues (Livestock and Sedimentation)
- Soil Erosion and Soil Quality
- Conservation Reserve Program Land Management (Takeout, Grazing, Weed Control)
- Manure Management
- Wildlife Management
- Education / Outreach

Program Area: Water Quality Issues (Livestock and Sedimentation)

Goal(s): By March 2013, there will be 100% participation by livestock operators to have a plan in place to address water quality issues; 10 acres of stream protected; and no feedlot runoff into streams.

Funding Source(s): Implementation Grant; WSCC Livestock Technical Assistance and Cost-Share Grants; CREP Grant; Programs Income

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide technical assistance for the implementation of Best Management Practices on four operations 2009	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	7	\$ 1,709.12	
Cooperate with WSU County Extension on Riparian Area Study – Flash Grazing vs. Continuous Mar-Nov Grazing 2010	7/10-6/11	Tom Kammerzell		Volunteer	
Complete one shop talk and/or site tour 2010	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	4	\$ 976.64	



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Program Area: Soil Erosion and Soil Quality

Goal(s): By March 2013, there will be 15 producers moving from a conventional tillage system to a minimum tillage system; a promotion of mulch till with 5 producers, 5 shop talks completed addressing soil erosion or soil quality; and an expansion on the promotion of alternatives to burning stubble.

Funding Source(s): Implementation Grant; Technical Service Provider Program; Programs Income

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide technical assistance for the implementation of Best Management Practices 2008	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	10	\$ 2,441.60	
Negotiate and complete Technical Service Provider Agreements with NRCS 2003	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator NRCS	36	\$ 8,789.76	
Coordinate with County an Agreement of Wood Chipper use for erosion control 2009	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	1	\$ 244.16	
Promote Direct Seed / No Till / Mulch Till Systems 2010	7/10-6/11	Cory Aeschliman		Volunteer	

Program Area: Conservation Reserve Program Lands Management (Takeout, Grazing, Weed Control)

Goal(s): By March 2013, there will be through resolution CRP takeout will include seeding crop following with minimal soil disturbance; through resolution and policy add grazing as a maintenance option for CRP without payment reduction; through resolution and policy add grazing as a weed control option on CRP; and a demonstration site on grazing CRP.

Funding Source(s): Programs Income; Money Market

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Work with Cattleman Assn & County Extension on data collection, documented sites on CRP Grazing as an alternative 2009	7/10-6/11	Cory Aeschliman Tom Kammerzell		Volunteer	
Resolution: Need a reduced rate that would enhance the grazing of CRP acreage to make fiscally possible 2010	7/10-6/11	Board Members		Volunteer	
Resolution: Encourage making hay on CRP ground coupled with a lesser payment 2010	7/10-6/11	Board Members		Volunteer	



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Program Area: Manure Management

Goal(s): By March 2013, there will be a demonstration project on manure management including data to prove that use of manure is beneficial to the soil and 2,000 acres of marginal land treaded with manure.

Funding Source(s): WSCC Livestock Technical Assistance Grant; Programs Income; Money Market

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Research how manure management activities are being done in the areas similar to Whitman CD 2009	7/10-6/11	Walter Riley District Coordinator	2	Volunteer \$ 488.32	
Enlist producer interest in a manure management demonstration area 2009	7/10-6/11	Walter Riley Dennis Kincaid		Volunteer Volunteer	

Program Area: Wildlife Management

Goal(s): By March 2013, an additional 50 acres of wildlife plantings to improve bird habitat will be completed.

Funding Source(s): Programs Income; Money Market

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide technical assistance and service for the Annual Plant Sale and Guzzlers 2008	7/10-4/11	District Coordinator	10	\$ 2,441.60	

Program Area: Air Quality

Goal(s): The District will continue to be a Burn Permit Authority, assisting 75 persons each year with the permitting process.

Funding Source(s): Programs Income

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide technical assistance and service for the Burn Permit Program including alternatives to burning stubble 2008	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	18	\$ 4,394.88	
Develop or use existing agriculture burning alternatives/recommendations handout 2008	7/10-6/11	Dennis Kincaid Board Members		Volunteer Volunteer	



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Program Area: Education Outreach

Goal(s): By March 2013, there will be a copy of *The Steward* received by all the people of the District (on newsletter mailing); 10 educational shop talks and/or tours; attendance at the Board meetings by teachers in the District; hosted speakers at the schools; 500 youth reached with conservation education; and an increase in visualization of demonstration sites and practices with signage.

Funding Source(s): Implementation Grant; Verle Kaiser Endowment Grant; Programs Income

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Co-sponsor the legislative relations session with the other SE Area Districts 2008	7/10-2/11	Board Members		Volunteer	
Publish four editions of <i>The Steward</i> 2008	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	20	\$ 4,883.20	
Add all District people to <i>The Steward's</i> mailing list 2009	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	5	\$ 1,220.80	
Host and assist in sponsorship of a booth at the Palouse Empire Fair 1998	8/10-10/11	District Coordinator	8	\$ 1,953.28	
Provide 5 th grade conservation program to 3 classes 1998	3/11-4/11	District Coordinator	8	\$ 1,953.28	
Host / assist with the County High School Envirothon and Land Judging Contest 1997	10/10-5/11	District Coordinator	3	\$ 732.48	
Attempt to coordinate conservation speakers to present at high schools 2008	9/10-5/11	District Coordinator	2	\$ 488.32	
Maintain District webpage 2007	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	6	\$ 1,464.96	
Solicit Tech Club from Colfax HS to assist in webpage maintenance 2010	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	1	\$ 244.16	
Program Development: Direct Seed Mentoring Program with Ty Meyer, SCCD and/or creation of own District Program if funding can be secured 2010	7/10-6/11	Cory Aeschliman		Volunteer	
Program Development: Bio-fuels promotion and crusher – promotion and funding to demonstrate 2010	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	4	\$ 976.64	
Research / Investigate: Satellite Fencing 2010	7/10-6/11	Dennis Kincaid		Volunteer	
Research / Investigate: Would there be enough incentive money in cost-share for weed control 2010	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	2	\$ 488.32	
Newsletter Article: Follow-up to PRLCD's Direct Seeding Demonstration 2010	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	1	\$ 244.16	
Newsletter Article: Wind Power Demonstration (Jack Fulfs) 2010	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	1	\$ 244.16	
Newsletter Article: Consider the different types of grasses that could be used for bio-fuels coupled with the cover crop concept and soil health 2010	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	1	\$ 244.16	
Outreach/Educational Articles in Newsletter, Gazette and other: 2010 - 'No one loves the land more than the producer' - 'History of where govnmnt is running the land in other countries and how it didn't work so well' - 'Promotion of EQIP funding for CRP transition into a conservation system to include chemical fallow' - 'Alternatives to taking all of the CRP acreage out'	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	6	\$ 1,464.96	



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Program Area: *Cost-Share*

Goal(s): *Provide financial incentive to participate in the District Cost-Share Program through implementation of Best Management Practices.*

Funding Source(s): *Implementation Grant; Programs Income*

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Financial incentive to implement Whitman Conservation District Accepted Best Management Practices</i> 2010	7/10-6/11	District Coordinator	16	\$ 3,906.56	
<i>Review financial incentive rates for livestock management (increase request)</i> 2010	7/10-6/11	Board Members		Volunteer	
<i>Review financial incentive practices list to include perimeter fencing for addressing weed control, erosion control and CRP take out issues</i> 2010	7/10-6/11	Board Members		Volunteer	
<i>Review financial incentive rates and allotments for precision farming (increase request and more producers per year)</i> 2010	7/10-6/11	Board Members		Volunteer	
<i>Review financial incentive practices to include alternatives to taking all of the CRP acreage out</i> 2010	7/10-6/11	Board Members		Volunteer	
<i>Review financial incentive practices to include chemicals, biological and application for weed control</i> 2010	7/10-6/11	Board Members		Volunteer	



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Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): By March 2013, there will be complete, effective and efficient operations to include all those required by the State of Washington and by the Washington State Conservation Commission; and to continue striving for stable funding through grant funding, program development and contracting, exploring funding through fee for service, county funding and private funding sources.

Funding Source(s): Implementation Grant; Programs Income

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Prepare and complete monthly Board meetings which include review of district law, rules, regulations on an annual basis 2010	As Required	Board Members District Coordinator	13	Volunteer \$ 3,174.08	
Complete monthly Board meeting financial reports using the BARS Accounting System and annual financial requirements which include AP/AR, grant vouchers, taxes, internal audit, year-end financial report, district budget, audit assessment 1997	As Required	District Auditor District Coordinator	8	Volunteer \$ 1,953.28	
Organize and host Annual Stakeholders meeting 2007	Annually	Board Members District Staff	2	Volunteer \$ 488.32	
Complete grant applications & reports as required by all funding entities 1997	As Required	District Coordinator	2	\$ 488.32	
Complete review and report requirements – district operations review; annual plan of work; annual report 1997	As Required	Board Members District Coordinator	6	Volunteer \$ 1,464.96	
Conduct district appointments and elections as required and assist other districts as requested 1997	As Required	Board Members District Coordinator	3	Volunteer \$ 732.48	
Review and update when needed the district policy book, equipment inventory, MOU's, policies and procedures, employment posters and maintain/rent equipment as needed 2000	Annually	Board Members District Coordinator	2	Volunteer \$ 488.32	
Annually complete staff personnel reviews; provide supervisor and staff training as needed 1997	Annually	Board Members District Staff	3	Volunteer \$ 732.48	
Attend WADE, SE Area Mtg; PE Mtg; WACD Convention; Direct Seed Conference; Annual Cattlemans Assoc Mtg; new supervisor orientation; regional tours; and other seminars/meetings that relate to priority concerns of the district and/or its operations 1997	Annually	Board Members District Staff	6	Volunteer \$ 1,464.96	
As directed by the Board, apply for and secure funding for priority concerns within the district; explore opportunities to create district programs, fee for products, county funding and/or private funding	As Requested	Board Members District Staff	3	Volunteer \$ 732.48	



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Estimated Budget July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Revenue:

Savings Account (to balance)	\$ 17,221.09
Grant Income	\$ 53,567.00
Technical Service Provider	\$ 4,395.00
Account Interest	\$ 2,041.10
District Programs	<u>\$ 14,081.91</u>

Total Revenues	\$ 91,306.10
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Expenses:

Salaries/Benefits/Taxes	\$ 53,715.20
Office/Grant/Program Supplies	\$ 14,085.90
Cost-Share Program	\$ 15,000.00
Insurance/Dues	\$ 6,505.00
Travel	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

Total Expenses	\$ 91,306.10
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Whitman Conservation District Stakeholder Forum Session Notes

February 9, 2010

Priority Natural Resource Issues:

Priority	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
#1	Soil and water conservation	CRP Takeout	Erosion control	Weed control	Precision farming
#2	CRP Takeout	Cover crops	Water quality	Erosion control	Livestock management
#3	Alternative energy	Precision farming	Livestock management	grazing	Weed control

Priority	Recommended Projects
#1 - erosion control / soil & water conservation / water quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct seed promotion & cost share • Get involved in direct seed mentoring program (with Ty Meyer, SCCD)
#2 - livestock management / grazing / water quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase cost share for livestock management • Perimeter fencing for addressing weed control, erosion control, CRP takeout issue • Satellite fencing demonstration area • Advertising to the public – no one loves the land more than a producer • History of were government is running the land in other countries – that did not work so well • Consider multi-species
#3 - precision farming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more cost share incentive for precision farming • Programs need to recognize that precision farming is changing at a rapid rate – upgrades should be considered
#4 - noxious weed control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost share for chemicals, biological, and application for weed control • Study the cost per acre formula for benefit for cost share offered
#5 - CRP takeout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct seed mentoring program • Grazing demonstration sites with Don Nelson • Direct seeding demonstrations • Offering alternatives to taking all of the CRP acreage out • Promote EQIP funding for CRP transition into a conservation system – chemical fallow • Need a reduced rate that would enhance the grazing of CRP acreage to make fiscally possible • Encourage making hay on CRP ground coupled with a lesser payment
#6 - alternative energy / cover crop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind power demonstration • Bio-fuels promotion and crusher – promotion and funding to demonstrate • Consider the different types of grasses that could be used for bio-fuels coupled with the cover crop concept, soil health

Funding Recommendations:

- Grants
- Utilize other agencies for assistance and demonstration activities (not Ecology at this time)
- Private foundations
- Private organizations
- Active with elected officials
- Consumers for healthy food
- More funding from Washington State Conservation Commission
- Endowments from lands, estates, etc
- Annual donated goods benefit auction